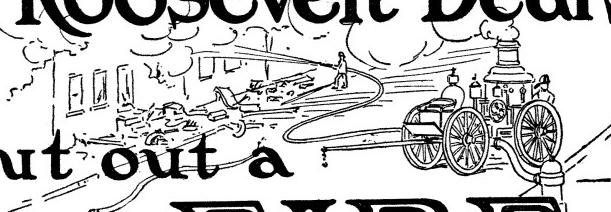


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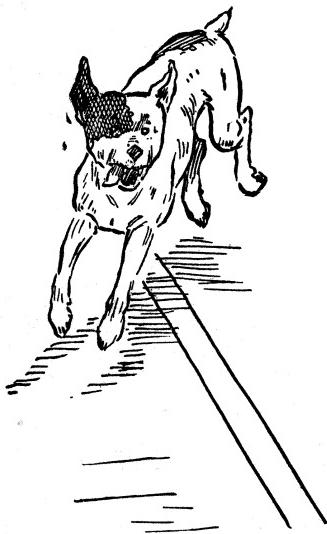
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One day the Bears took trolley rides  
With Muddy Pete and Cribs for guides.  
The car was open; they enjoyed the air;  
They helped the conductor collect the  
fare,



And pulled the bell to start or stop,  
And fixed the trolley pole on top,  
And put on the brakes and rang the gong  
When teams in front didn't move along.

But they got in trouble when TEDDY-G  
Climbed on the roof of the car to see  
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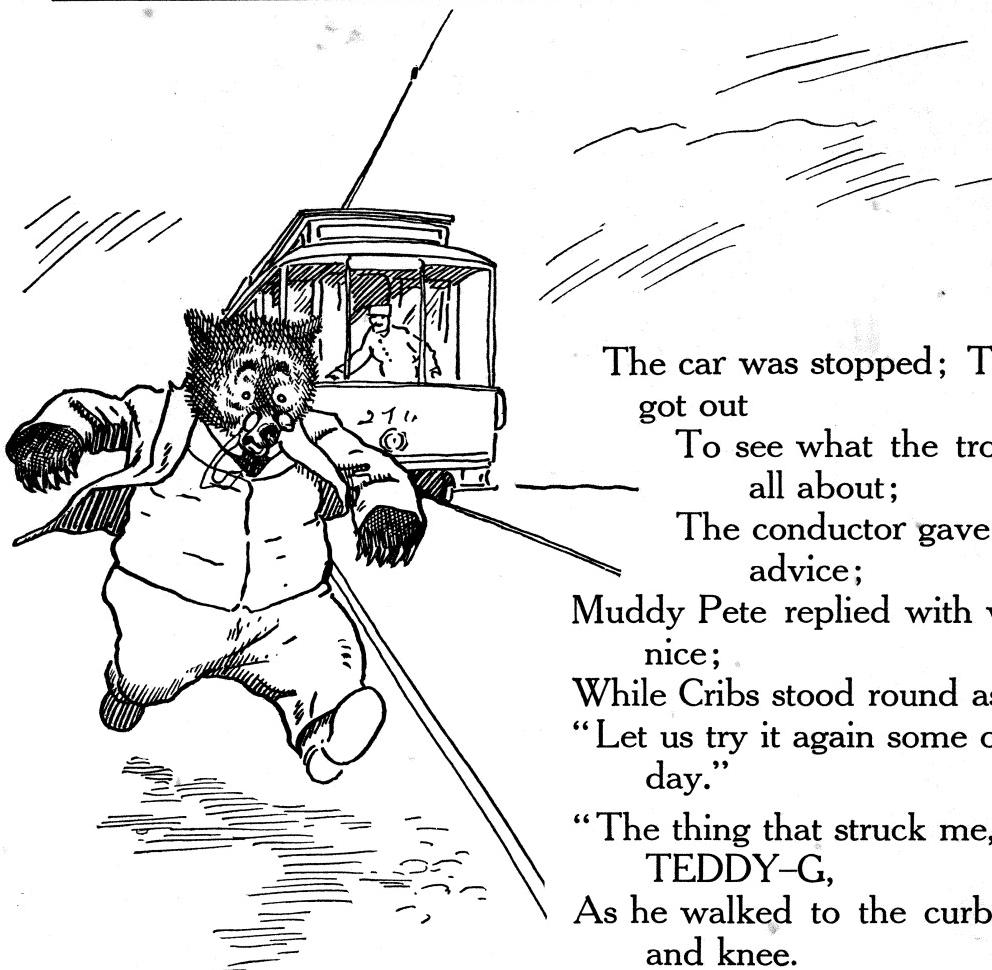


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**"They climbed up ladders in clouds of smoke,  
And lifted hose and windows broke."**



What it was that hit him he didn't know,  
But it hit so smart TEDDY-G let go  
And tumbled off a dozen feet  
From the trolley top down to the street.



The car was stopped; TEDDY-B  
got out

To see what the trouble was  
all about;

The conductor gave expert  
advice;

Muddy Pete replied with words not  
nice;

While Cribs stood round as if to say  
"Let us try it again some other  
day."

"The thing that struck me," said  
TEDDY-G,

As he walked to the curb on hand  
and knee.

"Struck me all over, outside and in,  
At every place like a prodding pin,  
And burned like fire and did all so quick  
I hadn't time to learn the trick."

"Let the car go on," said TEDDY-B,

"We'll stay right here this town to see  
And get some lunch and look around,

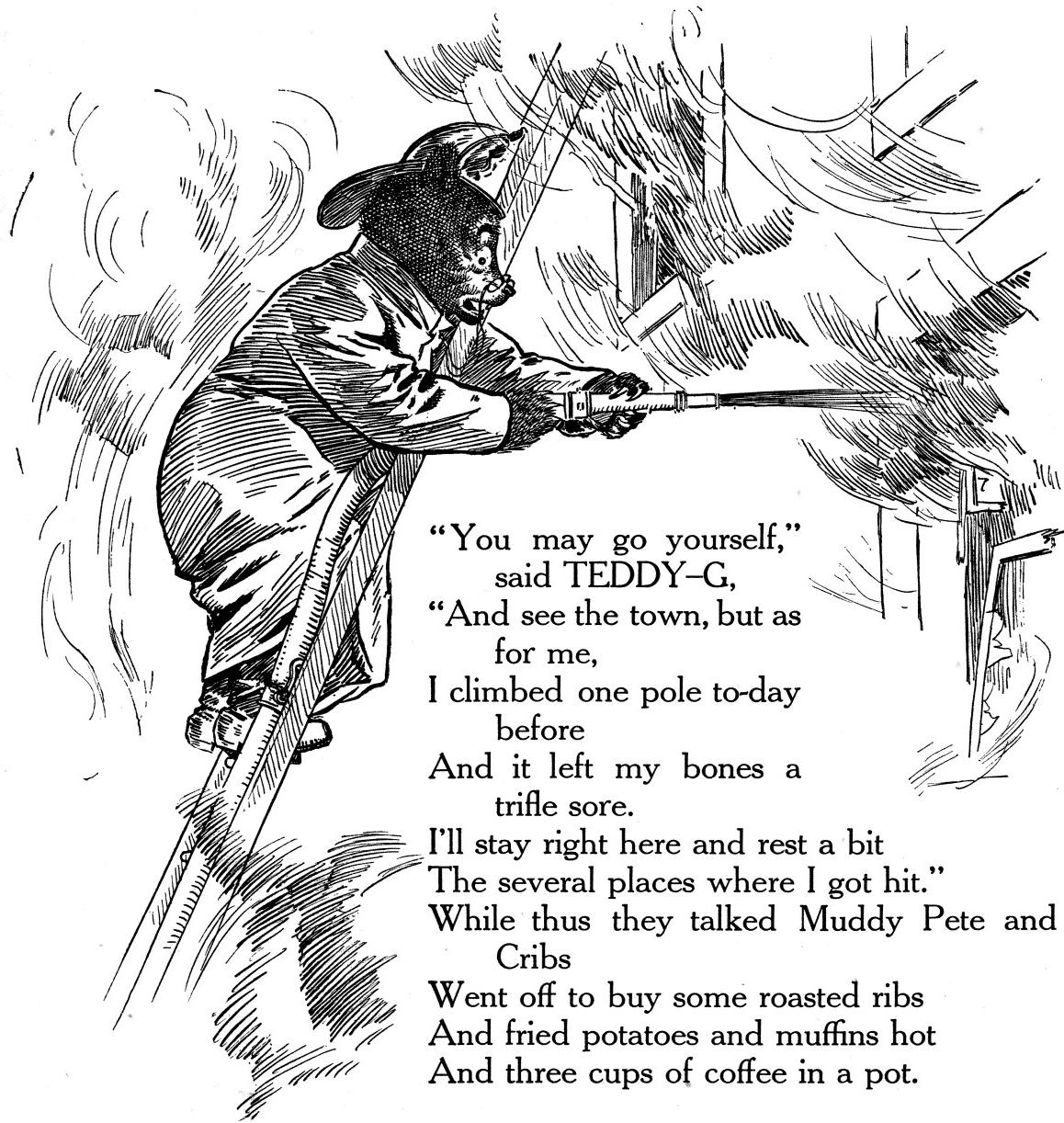
And walk up that hill to that college ground,

And climb that pole on the public square

And show the children playing there

That the Roosevelt Bears have been to school

And know A B C by rote and rule."



"You may go yourself,"  
said TEDDY-G,  
"And see the town, but as  
for me,  
I climbed one pole to-day  
before  
And it left my bones a  
trifle sore.  
I'll stay right here and rest a bit  
The several places where I got hit."  
While thus they talked Muddy Pete and  
Cribs  
Went off to buy some roasted ribs  
And fried potatoes and muffins hot  
And three cups of coffee in a pot.

As they ate their lunch they heard a ring,  
Both quick and loud: ding! ding! ding!  
"A fire! fire!" cried Muddy Pete,  
And off the four ran down the street.  
TEDDY-G forgot about electricity  
And ran as fast as TEDDY-B.

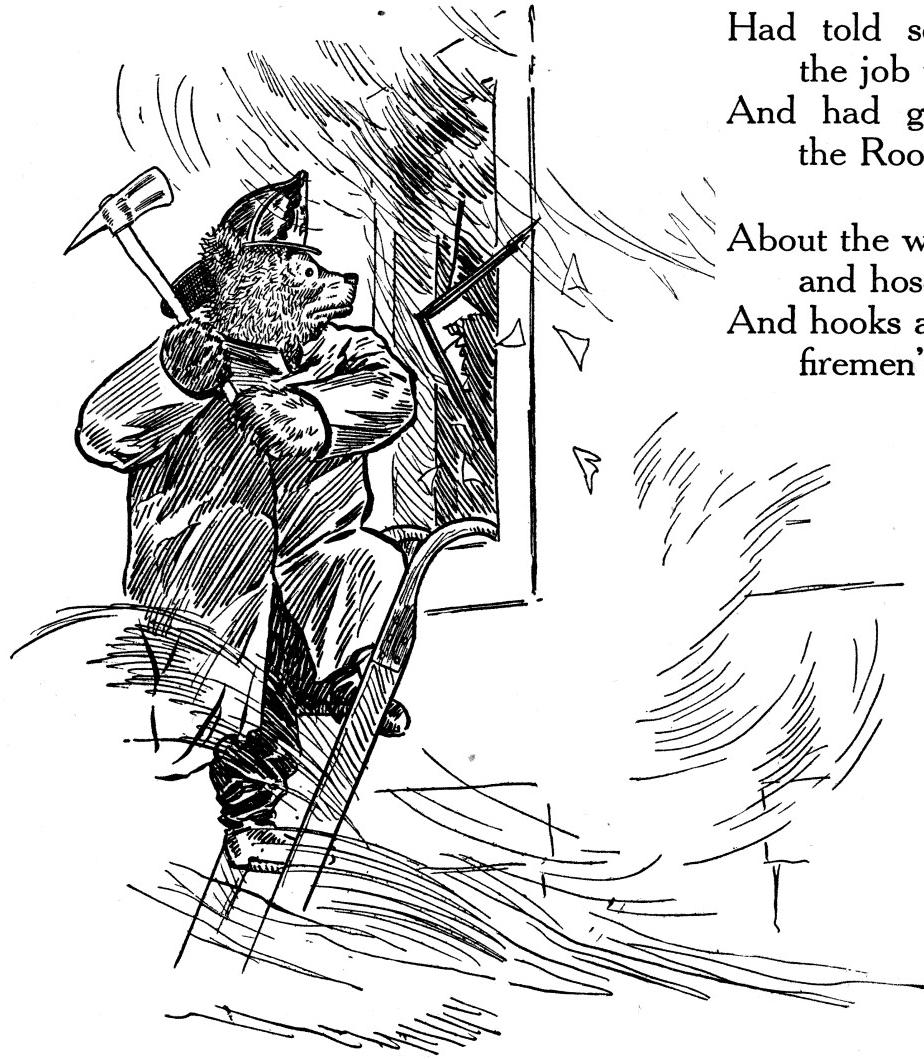
They found the fire in a dry goods store  
And making its way towards three or four  
Of the largest shops on the busiest street:  
A clothing house and a store with meat,

And a great big grocery on the right  
And not a fireman yet in sight.

The firemen's hall was across the street  
And in half a minute Captain Muddy Pete

Had told some boys that  
the job was theirs  
And had given orders to  
the Roosevelt Bears

About the wagons and reel  
and hose,  
And hooks and ladders and  
firemen's clothes.





*Muddy Pete.*

"I've seen a thousand fires," said he,  
"And I know this thing from A to Z.  
Slap on those togs: they fit you slick;  
Boost out the reel; get busy quick;

Hitch up that rubber to that spouter there;  
Twist round the stopper and let 'er tear.  
Hang on to that nozzle, you TEDDY-G,  
And point it straight at the fire you see.



*"Up to a roof with hose in hand  
And on the ridge to take his stand."*

Now let 'er go!" and with swishing stroke  
The water struck the fire and smoke.  
In sixty seconds the Roosevelt team  
Were pouring water, a steady stream,  
On the blazing store and the crowd near by,  
Making women run, and children cry.

Captain Muddy Pete took full command  
 And told the Bears just where to stand,  
 And what to do and where to go,  
 And to point the nozzle high or low.

They climbed up ladders in clouds of smoke,  
 And lifted hose and windows broke,  
 And carried goods out to the street,  
 And burned their ears and scorched their feet.

They saved two boys from the highest floor  
 Who were in a room and had locked the door.  
 The wind was blowing both hard and high,  
 And it carried fire to roofs near by.



TEDDY-G.

TEDDY-G was ordered by Muddy Pete  
 To carry a ladder across the street,  
 And go up to a roof with hose in hand,  
 And on the ridge to take his stand,

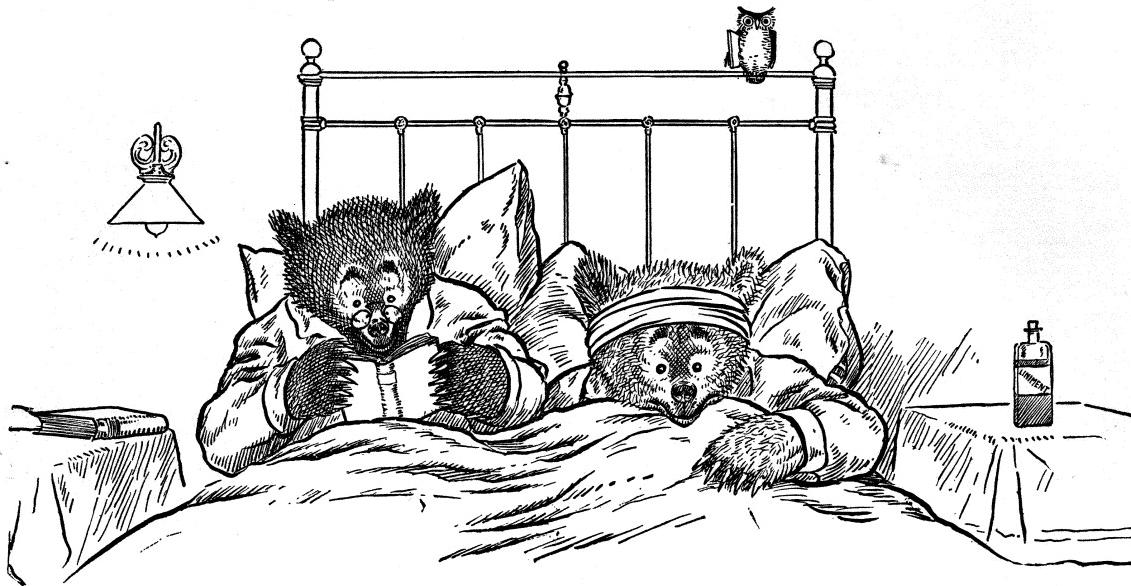
And turn the hose all round about  
 Till every fire he could see was out.  
 And thus they worked like trained firemen  
 Till there wasn't a spark where the fires had  
 been.

The man that owned the dry-goods store  
 Took the Bears to his home for an hour or  
 more  
 And Cribs and Pete for cream and cake  
 And offered them cash which they wouldn't  
 take.

He ordered a carriage with coachman swell,  
 To take them back to their hotel,  
 And promised to print in the local press  
 Their pictures large in firemen's dress.



TEDDY-B.



And a full report of the fire that day  
And the things he heard the towns-folk say  
About bravery shown and the speed they made:  
Captain Muddy Pete and his fire brigade.

Said TEDDY-B, in their room that night,  
“One fire a day is enough to fight;  
I’m stiff and tired and burned and sore;  
I’m going to sleep a week or more,  
And read in bed and play I’m sick  
Till I get tired of doing the trick.”

Said TEDDY-G, as he put out the light,  
“You fought one fire; I had two to fight;  
But I’d rather play with a house afire  
Than fool again with an electric wire.”

But long before they went to sleep  
They outlined plans next day to keep:  
The Hippodrome and the Wax Musee  
Were things they surely had to see.